

THE STATE OF FLORIDA 1915(b)(4) PROGRAM

Project Name:	Specialized Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled
Project Initial Approval:	February 25, 2000
Project Initial Expiration:	February 24, 2002
Project Renewal Approval:	August 24, 2002

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The State of Florida operates a Medicaid Managed Care program under the authority of a 1915 (b)(4) waiver. The program entitled, Specialized Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) was initially approved on February 24, 2000. The 1915(b)(4) waiver provides access to high quality Specialized ICF/DD services through a selective contracting arrangement. This waiver program operates concurrently with a 1915(c) home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver. Together these waivers ensure that eligible persons with mental retardation or developmental disabilities have access to Medicaid covered services, and a choice in determining where they receive their services; i.e., in specified public or private intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICFs/DD) or in the community. Both the ICF/DD benefit and the HCBS waiver are State plan options.

This waiver provides access to high quality Specialized ICF/DD services, designed to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities with limited and minimal levels of need. The State historically has had long waiting lists for services for the developmentally disabled. The State currently estimates that there are 32,307 persons eligible for services through either of these waivers. With this waiver renewal, these individuals will continue to have the choice of obtaining home and community-based services within the 1915(c) waiver or of gaining placement with a contracted ICF/DD provider through the 1915(b)(4) waiver. The waiver is currently approved through August 23, 2004.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

Specialized ICFs/DD are required to be Medicaid certified and licensed by the State of Florida, subject to all existing Federal and State requirements for ICFs/DD. ICF/DD providers are enrolled in the Florida Medicaid program and all claims for payment are processed through the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS).

BENEFIT PACKAGE

Providers must agree to meet special program requirements. Participating providers must provide all of the services included in the Specialized ICF/DD program. Specialized ICF/DD providers must provide ICF/DD services that include service components focused on reintegration into the community. These components include:

- Individualized behavioral services to minimize problem behaviors that present

- barriers to independent living in the community
- Self-management services designed to provide recipient education and training that enable the recipient to return to the community
- Enhanced discharge planning and aftercare services to maximize the potential for successful transition to a community setting

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Florida projects savings of \$822,168 during the two years of the renewal period.

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